

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2020

*Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.*

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.*

*Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

Our COVID-19 protocols require that each person in worship wears a mask over their nose and mouth at all times during the service, and that different households sit at least 6 feet apart. If you need to lower your mask for some reason, please step outside of the church temporarily, until you are able to return with your mask on.

Thank you for your faithful, loving cooperation in helping us to keep all members and visitors safe and Christ Church open for in-person worship.

**10:00 AM**

**THE ANTE-COMMUNION, RITE II**

***The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360***

**Prelude**

***Aspiration, By Joel Raney***

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***Welcome***

**The Rev. Peter Munson**

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria In Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD**

*A Reading from the Book of Judges (Judges 4:1-7)*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### ***A Reading from the Book of Psalms (Psalm 123)***

To you I lift up my eyes, \*

to you enthroned in the heavens.

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*

until he show us his mercy.

**Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*

and of the derision of the proud.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (*Please be seated.*)**

### ***A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (Thessalonians 5:1-11)***

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

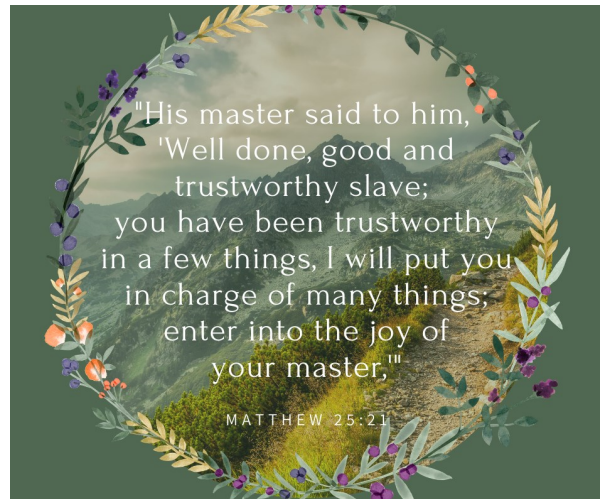
### **The Gospel**

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (Matthew 25:14-30)***

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ***

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents

also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"



*Priest: The Gospel of the Lord*  
*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## **Sermon**

*A period of silence will be kept.*

The Rev. Peter Munson

## ***The Nicene Creed, (Please stand)***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## ***Welcome / Announcements / Birthday & Anniversary Prayers / Travel Prayers***

### ***Offertory Music***

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*, Arr. Patti Drennan**

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## ***The Prayers of the People (Form III)***

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Let us pray for our families and friends at Christ Church, Aspen.

## ***Prayer list Names:***

***Christ Episcopal Church Members: Lindsay Gorman, Jessica & Philip Salet, Bob & Marsha Cook, George Baker, Margo & Keith Gardner, BobbiAnn Housma, All those serving their country, the young people and students of Aspen***  
***Friends and Family of CEC Members: Tony Welgos and family, Brad Noel, Julia Munson, Susan & Mickey Spalding, Petra Crimmel, Otto Bontempo***

We pray for all those affected by the wild fires in the West, and especially for those in Colorado. We pray for the firefighters and for all who have suffered loss. As the pandemic continues throughout the world and here in our own community, we pray for health care workers and those who minister to all who have been sickened by the coronavirus. We pray for healing. We pray for those who have died, and for families who grieve.

### ***Let us pray for Christ Church***

Oh Lord, we pray for your continued blessing on Christ Church and all who are part of the ministries of this place. We pray for Peter, our Interim Rector, and for the leadership of Christ Church. Especially at this time of transition we ask for your guidance as we pursue our rector search process. We know you have a plan for Christ Church, and we ask for your help as we work to discern your will. Be with us we pray. We lift up our prayer of praise, worship and thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen

### ***A Prayer for our Country (BCP, p.820)***

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage:

We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Please stand*

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

### ***A Blessing by the Priest***

*Presider:* Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining with members of Christ Church, Aspen in this time of worship. Have a blessed week.

### ***Postlude***

***A Gaelic Blessing***, By John Rutter

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